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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the complete application which claims priority from and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/447,314, filed on February 14, 2003, of

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for **STENT DELIVERY AND DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM** and which is hereby incorporated by reference. The application comprises a  $\underline{34}$ -page specification, including  $\underline{88}$  claims (4 independent) and Abstract, and  $\underline{22}$  sheets of drawings.

Also accompanying this application for filing is:

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